

HOUSE RESOLUTION 169

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor Tom Beasley and the late Wendy Beasley for their many contributions to Dickson County and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in paying tribute to a couple who devoted their time, talents, and resources to improving the quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS, Tom Beasley and the late Wendy Beasley were public servants of the highest order throughout their nearly fifty years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, the couple first met after Wendy Beasley graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1970 and moved to Nashville; there, she joined a grassroots political campaign led by Tom Beasley, a West Point graduate who was in his third year of law school at Vanderbilt University after proudly serving our country in Vietnam and the Panama Canal Zone; and

WHEREAS, joined in holy matrimony on December 29, 1973, the Beasleys settled in Dickson County soon thereafter, building a farmhouse along Beaverdam Creek in Burns; and

WHEREAS, over the next forty-seven years, Tom and Wendy Beasley raised their three children, Jeb, Matt, and Kristin, teaching them not only the ideals of faith, love, and gratitude but also the value of service and giving back as part of their responsibilities as citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur, Tom Beasley was a generous supporter of a wide range of local causes, including the Boy Scouts of America, and performed an important civic function by providing counsel, guidance, and support to our locally elected leaders, as well as our State and federal officials; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Beasley served two terms on the Dickson County Board of Education and was a valuable member of the Board of Developmental Services; she

participated in the Explorers' Bible Study for seventeen years and served as a Church Elder, Session member, and Clerk of the Session at First Presbyterian Church in Dickson; and

WHEREAS, renowned for their generosity and community involvement, the Beasleys were always available to lend a hand to an important cause or a fellow human being in need; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Wendy Beasley lived a marvelous life of love, laughter, and purpose together until Mrs. Beasley's passing last year; and

WHEREAS, on that sad occasion, Wendy Beasley's family acknowledged her giving spirit with this statement: "The world is a better place because she lived in it, and we are all better people because she loved us."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Tom Beasley and the late Wendy Beasley for their many contributions to Dickson County and the State of Tennessee and pay homage to their lifetime of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our condolences to the family and many friends of Wendy Beasley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.